

House Resolution 2323

By: Representatives Barnard of the 166th, Keen of the 179th, Richardson of the 19th, Bordeaux of the 162nd, Brooks of the 63rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and commending Homer M. "Buddy" DeLoach; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Homer M. "Buddy" DeLoach has long served his community and this state as
3 a dedicated public servant who placed his sense of duty and fairness above partisan politics;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, he began his political career as mayor of the City of Hinesville, and in 1992 he
6 qualified for election to Congress from the First Congressional District and lost the
7 nomination only in a primary runoff; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1995 he was sworn in as the first Republican to represent Liberty County in
9 the House of Representatives, and in 2001 he was reelected to represent Liberty County as
10 an independent and served as an independent House member through 2004, when he left the
11 General Assembly; and

12 WHEREAS, because he was so well-respected on both sides of the aisle, he was known as
13 a consensus builder, and he was instrumental in convincing Democratic Governor Zell Miller
14 to appoint a Republican, Johnny Isakson, to the State School Board; and

15 WHEREAS, the citizens of Liberty County will long remember Buddy as the force that saved
16 the Townsend Bombing Range by fighting a new landfill and the flocks of birds its presence
17 would have attracted; and

18 WHEREAS, Buddy is a dedicated family man and makes it clear that his wife, children, and
19 grandchildren, come first in his life; and

20 WHEREAS, it is only right and proper that this dedicated public servant be acknowledged
21 and commended for his many contributions to his community and the state.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body recognize and commend Homer M. "Buddy" DeLoach for his
3 selfless dedication to the betterment of the state.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Homer M. "Buddy"
6 DeLoach.